

Invention including Exhibits A and B is submitted herewith to demonstrate completion of the claimed invention prior to the filing date of the *Henson et al.* patent. This removes the *Henson et al.* patent as a reference. For this reason it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-18 be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

If the Examiner believes that prosecution of this patent application would be advanced by a verbal discussion, the Examiner is requested to give Applicants' attorney a telephone call at (512) 867-8503 (direct line).

Respectfully Submitted,



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